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OF LONDON (SHIP)

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TRANSCRIPT

5 Lady Amherst

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1842 London

Remarks on board of the ship Lady Amherst of London

Thursday Feb 24th

Begins with strong breezes and clear from the SSE heading SW carpenter employed yardmen up the sails in the lands of 1 of the spare boats and painting her for to put out on the bow at 6 finished boiling and washed off the decks middle part light winds and cloudy w day light made all sail keeping a good look out for whales, steering WSW finished breaking up the bow boat. she being unfit to repair again some hands repairing a fluke rope saw black fish

Lat 35 57 S
Long 83 8 W

Friday Feb 25th

PM increasing breezes & cloudy. at sun down took in sail to the main top sail reefed and staysails Midnight strong breezes & gloomy at day light made sail according to the weather and commenced coopering and stowing down oil in the between decks 10 Strong increasing breezes took in the fore topsail

Lat 35 23 Long 82 49

Saturday Feb 26th

PM fresh Gales from the SW with a heavy sea finished stowing down sun set took in the foresail & mizen top sail ship heading SE through the night D W – AM strong breezes and a heavy SW swell. day light made sail to the SWS . Latter Part cooper employed repairing 2. 300 gall casks turned the old boat of all bottom up on the beams and painted her.

Lat 35 “ 17 S
Long 83.00 W

Sunday Feb 27 .

Begins with fresh breezes and cloudy. at 4 wore ship to the SE at 6 took in sail. midnight more moderate and cloudy. day light strong breezes made all necessary sail to the NE. Noon more moderate let out the reefs nothing seen.

Lat 35 . 20 S.
Long 80. 55 W

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of London cruising in the off shore Ground . (Chile)

Monday untrimmed.

At 9 A M saw Sperm Whales on the lee beam . kept off for them and found them going to leeward. at 10 lowered 4 boats. soon after the waist boat struck and before another boat could get near he was adrift. The whales going to leeward up sail again after them at ½ past 11 another boat got fast and killed the whale 2 boats followed the whales . the 3rd followed them after the whale spouted blood.

Lat 35. 55 W.

(whale fluke illus.) Tuesday Feb 22nd

At 1 PM took the whale along side and put on two fluke ropes and made all sail after the whales & boats. at 3 returned on board as they could not get fast again took up the boats and took in sail . at ½ past 3 saw more whales in the lee quarter made sail again and kept off for them at 4 lowered all 4 boats 1 boat got near enough to dart but did not get fast. The whales took to windward returned on board etc c . and began to cut. at dark had the head off Jaw in and 2 Pieces of blubber. made all well fast for the night. wind North ship head ENE. double reefed the main top sail midnight rainy daylight began to cut again at 7 finished at ½ past 8 had the head cleared and decks washed in cutting a spade went a stern lowered the bow boat to pick it up. but in taking her up she broke in two . took in the remains. began to boil a rugged sea on.

Lat 36 . 2 S

Long 81.24 W.

Wednesday Feb 23rd

PM Strong & squally. 1 sail in sight Steering SE . 4 took in the mizzen top sail and wore ship to the west. AM strong Gales. put out the fires and furled the foresail at 8 more moderate and dry lit the fires again. set the foresail . Noon a heavy sea on.

Lat 36.6 Long 82.22 W.

Cruising on the off shore Ground. Coast of Chile for Whales

Monday Feb 28th

Throughout the day strong winds from the SSE and cloudy W with passing squalls 4 PM tacked to the SW. took in sail as usual and pumped ship. at ½ past 5 AM Saw Sperm Whales made all necessary sail and stood for them. at 7 lowered the boats and chased them but soon lost Sight of them and of the boats returned and made sail on the ship at 11 came up with them and lowered again. struck 1 in so doing got upset got the line into another boat and killed the whale the bow & L Quarter boat slightly stove . a very rugged sea on

Lat 35-20 S

Long 82-24 W

(whale fluke illus.) Tues March 1st

1PM got the capsized boat alongside and took her up at 2 got the whale to the Ship and made fast. at 4 began to cut but found the weather too bad tearing every thing to pieces. made all fast for the night reefed the main top sail and set the storm sails . Middle part strong winds day light wore ship and began to cut. 6 AM had the head off. at ½ past 8 had all in at 11 finish clearing the head and washed decks.

Lat 35 . 21 Long 82.36

Wednesday March 2nd

PM strong breezes and squally employed boiling carpenter repairing L Quarter boat ship heading to the SSW. midnight hard squalls at day light saw a lone Sperm Whale on the W beam . and going fast to windward made sail and tacked after him at ½ past 7 lost sight of him to windward at 10 reefed the top sails again it blowing strong . still boiling and keeping a good look out.

(whale head illus.)

Lat 35 -30 S

Long 82. 30 W

Remarks on board of the Ship Lady Amherst

Thursday March 3rd 1842

Begins with strong breezes took in the bow boat to repair . at 4 finished boiling sun down took in sail. Midnight more moderate day light squally made sail accordingly at 7 put out the old boat on the bow. carpenter repairing the other. Latter part repairing the fluke ropes. Noon out reefs and set top gallant sails. (whale head illus.)

Lat 35 25 S
Long 82 33 W

Friday March 4th

Begins with light winds and a heavy swell. employed shifting the topsail lifts end for end . at 4 saw Sperm Whales. lowered 4 boats but could not succeed in getting near the whales at sundown returned and took up the boats and took in sail heading SW. Midnight light airs daylight made all sail and cleared out the after hatchway to stow down oil Latter part calm. employed covering and stowing oil

Lat 34 . 52 S.

Saturday March 5th

Throughout calms and light airs finished put down the oil.

Lat 35 . 58 S

Sunday March 6th

Throughout light winds from the Southward Kept a good look out for Whales

Lat 35 3
Long 83 . 40

Monday March 7th

This day light airs and calms unbent the old fore top mast staysail and bent another in repair shifted the main top gallant sail got up the old fore top sail to finish repairing it

Lat 35 21 S
Long 83 . 36 W

Tuesday March 8th

Throughout light airs & calm a good look out Kept aloft for Whales. Finished the topsails

Lat 35.23 Long 83.5 W

Of London cruising on the off shore Ground , Coast of Chile

Wednesday March 9th

At 1 PM a light breeze came from the North
steered to the East and made all sail saw black
fish & Grampuses sun down took in sail and head
to the west . Midnight a fresh breeze & cloudy.
Veering to the WSW day light made sail to the
East latter part employed repairing sails

Lat 36 22 S

Long 82 . 14 W.

Thursday March 10th

Throughout fresh breezes and passing squalls
employed repairing sails and looking out

Lat 35 . 4 S

Long 81 50 W

Friday March 11th

Throughout fresh breezes and cloudy ship under
all necessary cruising sail 1 ship in sight
this day the crew complained sourly of their allow
ance of meat being too small that they only have
enough for 1 meal a day

Lat 34 57 S

Long 82 38 W

Saturday March 12th

Throughout moderate winds from the SE & clear
Ship under all necessary cruising sail. at ½ past
11 AM Saw Sperm Whales. At Noon lowered all
boats and rowed towards them.

Lat 34 59 S

Sunday March 13th

(whale fluke illus.) PM light winds at ½ past 1

Struck and Killed 1 Whale at

3 got him to the ship and began to cut in
at 6 had all in made the head well fast
and took in sail for the night heading SSW.
midnight light winds wore ship to the East
day light began to clear away the head & set
on the works. Latter part took in the starb
quarter boat and put out one of the spare ones .
made more sail Keeping a good look out.

Lat 34 55 S Long 82 11 W

Remarks on board of the Ship Lady Amherst of London

Monday March 14th

Throughout a moderate breeze from the SSW & gloomy.
ship under all requisite sail employed boiling and
looking for more Noon finished boiling

Lat 34 50 S
Long 82 25 W

Tuesday March 15th

This day light and clear pleasant weather
all sail set during the day looking for whales
carpenter employed repairing and strengthening the
L quarter boat.

Lat 34 . 50 S
Long 82 . 25 W

Wednesday March 16th

PM light winds from the SSW . 1 sail in sight
in the west at 5 one ship to the SE sun down
took in sail saw black fish. day light wore
ship to the WNW . wind SW and made sail cleared
out the L side of the between decks to stow down
at ½ past 10 saw the ship to windward maneuvering
amongst whales kept a good look out but could
not see any. saw their boats down and 2 coming
to leeward under sail at noon the captain came
on board the Ship proved to be the Corinthian of
New Bedford. out 31 months 10,00 barrels of oil and had
seen a lone whale this morning but the lost the run of him

Lat 34 44 S.

Thursday March 17th

Begins with a moderate breeze ship standing to the
west at 5 tacked. finished putting down the oil
and took in sail. Am light breezes and clear
weather wore ship to the WNW and made sail.
Noon Squally.

Lat 34 43 S

Friday March 18th

Throughout light winds and variable with rain
at times. a good look out Kept painted the quar
ter boat.

Lat 34 . 19 Long 83 . 21 W

Saturday March 19th

This day light winds and cloudy. from the S to
SW all necessary cruising sail out Keeping a look
out

Lat 36. 30 S Long 83 .13

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